

# Uxbridge Parish

## Prayer Diary August, 2010



1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	<b>The Most Important Thing:</b> At the beginning of this holiday month, let us pause to thank God that He never takes a holiday, and is always there to listen to us. May His Spirit lead our prayers this month, whether or not we follow the Prayer Diary each day.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Our full-time staff Team: Fr Cliff, Andrew, June, Joy and Pete –</b> Lord thank you for our leaders. We pray that you will enable them to find space and time with you and real rest and refreshment this month. Keep us faithful in praying for them.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Bible study and Root Groups</b> meeting weekly in homes and in church, some perhaps taking a break during the summer.... Pray for the Lord's leading about study material for the months to come, and for strong fellowship & support for one another, especially during this holiday time.
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Building Staff –</b> Pray for rest and refreshing for our faithful coffee bar and pastoral workers as several of them take holidays this month. Help us to be a parish which cares for our carers.....
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Alpha Courses –</b> the recent Alpha nurture group continuing to meet on Monday evenings, please pray that the Lord will lead each member on into deeper faith and helpful relationships that continue long after the group meetings have come to an end. Pray also for preparations already under way for the September courses.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>God hears our Prayers!</b> - someone praying recently had a picture of a beautiful vase with post-it notes fluttering down into it and with it a real sense of God calling us to pray for individual people we know. Let us pray today for someone we know who needs the Lord's touch today and thank God that He will surely answer.
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Summer Weddings –</b> three couples getting married in the Parish this week, including Susan & David today. Pray for a special blessing for their "big days" and for each couple to know the grace and power of Christ at the start of their life together.
8 <sup>th</sup> Sun	<b>Baptisms –</b> thank the Lord for adding to the number of those being drawn towards personal faith in Jesus, and for the increasing number showing an interest in infant or adult baptism – may this continue, not only in our churches or town, but all over the Earth!
9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Amos Trust Durban Street Team –</b> now that the excitement of the World Cup is over, and the attention of the world is not so much focussed on South Africa, don't let us forget the needs of the street children and those who are sent to minister to them.

10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Synod</b> - The Bishop of London said that he returned from the York synod "clear both that the majority will is to ordain women bishops while at the same time preserving, as far as possible, the unity of the church in her mission and service to our country" May the Lord's hand be on the Anglican church throughout the world, leading and guiding even as they grapple with difficult issues
11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mission Partners –</b> perhaps today we could lift up to the Lord someone we know who is serving the Lord overseas, and the country where they are based. Good to remember Yvonne, who has returned to the UK after several years in Pakistan, and the man the Lord has provided to be her successor.
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Licensed Lay Ministry –</b> pray for those considering this and other training programmes offered by various churches. Pray too for Karlene Kerr as she moves forward in the Lord's calling towards ordination.
13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parent &amp; Toddler groups – Little Fishes, Little People's Oasis and Praymates</b> as they take a break during the summer. We pray that you will be close to every carer and toddler, and especially close to those who are missing the love and support which these groups provide.
14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Oasis Saturday Ministry –</b> please lift up Patrick Colbert and the Saturday volunteers who help with what can be a stressful job at times in the coffee bar, and may God touch each one who comes in there according to their various needs.
15 <sup>th</sup> Sun	<b>Music Ministry –</b> please pray that all who take part in leading the various styles of worship at both churches will remember that it is a wonderful privilege to help draw others into the presence of the Living God!
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Footprints</b> group at St M's – please pray for anyone who is finding it hard to cope with the loss of a loved one and especially for any who are missing the support of the group during the summer break. Please be in the midst of any who choose to meet informally together during this time
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Soul Survivor.</b> Please pray for our young people away this week at Soul Survivor that God may touch the heart of each young person through the teaching, fellowship and worship they will share in this week. Pray also for the leaders away with them and for the bands, speakers and team who are running this very special event. Please also pray for favourable camping weather.
18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mall (Pavillions) Chaplaincy</b> - Pray for Andrew as he starts to take on this role visiting regularly to pray, care for and support staff in these uncertain economic times. May he know God's enabling and be led by the "nudges" of the Holy Spirit!

19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CTU (Churches Together in Uxbridge)</b> - Thank God for the relationships of trust which have begun to build as a number of CTU ministers have been praying together each month.
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Street Angels</b> – thank God for the strong team He has brought together to share God's love and often practical help with many in need around the town centre at all hours of the night. Pray also for the Project Co-ordinator who is due to be appointed soon.
21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>The Church in Congo</b> – thank God for Bishop Funga and pray for the Lord's protection and provision on His people in this very needy nation.
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	<b>Children's Ministry</b> on Sunday mornings at both churches. Thank God for the ministry that takes place each Sunday during term time and the faithful service which is given to enable this to happen. Pray for real rest and refreshment for the leaders during this holiday time. Pray too that God will stir people to step forward to help, replacing those who stepped down at the end of last term.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Songs of Praise.</b> Please pray for this congregation which meets to worship faithfully week by week. May God be in the midst of all that happens, shaping, leading and touching lives through his Holy Spirit
24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>USPG</b> (which we supported together with the Amos Trust Durban Street Team in the parish challenge. Pray for the staff and those who are cared for through USPG's HIV Home Care in Namibia.
25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Morning Eucharist for Mums &amp; Toddlers</b> at St Andrew's – may this and the other weekday Eucharist's be a haven of peace and time out with God during a busy week, and may the Holy Spirit inspire all who faithfully lead this special act of worship
26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Andrew's School</b> – during this long summer holiday, let us thank God for our Head Teacher, Liz Wakling all teachers and other staff, and pray for rest and refreshment during this week off. May the school be able to keep its focus on Christ in what is an increasingly diverse social and political climate.
27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Eucharist with Prayer for Healing.</b> Lord thank you for your healing love. Please draw people today to the Friday congregation and touch them with your healing love. Please pray for sensitivity and open ears to the Holy Spirit, not only for the healing team but for all of us....not only within the church walls, but wherever we are.
28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Carers' Group</b> for those who look after anyone with mental health needs, meets two Wednesdays a month at St Margaret's....please pray for all who carry the burden of long-term care for family members, whether their needs are mental, physical or both, especially during this holiday time when the usual support networks can be lacking.

29 <sup>th</sup> Sun	<b>Jesus – Friend of Sinners...</b> as this month draws to a close, let's thank God for the awesome gift of His only Son, without whom there would be nothing to celebrate and no hope in this life or the next. Pray today for someone who does not know Jesus' love – yet!
30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Help for the Homeless</b> – on this Bank Holiday, let's remember that many people's needs do not take a holiday....may each of us be sensitive as to how we can minister God's love effectively with those out on the street. Patrick Colbert and Paul Singleton have recently started a “mobile kitchen” trolley with donated sandwiches and drinks.
31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>PromiseLand</b> – going <u>weekly</u> from October onwards! As with Songs of Praise, may the Lord enable our team to rise to the challenge – to bring along the extra help and materials needed, and to share Christ in a fun but effective way with the children and their families - many of whom are from non-Christian backgrounds.

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